



Census 2000

Announcements for Congregational Newsletters and Bulletins

Week of March 19, 2000

The Constitution of the United States mandates a census every 10 years to determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. But community leaders use it for everything from planning schools and building roads to providing recreational opportunities and managing health care services. Fill out your census questionnaire and send it back. Include everyone living in your home, even people who are not related to you. This is your future. Don't leave it blank.

Week of March 26, 2000

Everyone in our congregation wants what is best for the community. The results of the census are used to determine the level of federal and state funding needed for vital programs and services in our community. By participating in Census 2000, you will help ensure that our community gets the funding it deserves. Take a few minutes today and answer the census. Questionnaire Assistance Centers are available to help you complete your questionnaire. (Note: If your place of worship is a Questionnaire Assistance Center, please note days and hours of operation.)

Week of April 2, 2000

Be sure and include every person living in your home on your census questionnaire, even people who are not related to you. If you have not filled it out, please do so. Your answers are protected by law. The Census Bureau cannot share your individual answers with the IRS, FBI, Welfare, Immigration or any other government agency. No court of law, not even the President of the United States, can find out your answers. Feel free to call the toll-free number on the census form, if you have any questions. Questionnaire Assistance Centers are available to help you complete your questionnaire. (Note: If your place of worship is a Questionnaire Assistance Center, please note days and hours of operation.)

Week of April 9, 2000

Have you answered your census questionnaire yet? Many communities use census information to attract new business or plan for growth. In fact, many religious groups use the census numbers to plan new facilities for their congregations. But if some segments of the population don't participate as much as others, those segments will be underrepresented in the results. Help make sure our community is well represented in this census. If you haven't received a census form yet, please get one from a Questionnaire Assistance Center near you. (Note: If your place of worship is a Questionnaire Assistance Center site, please state the days and hours of operation.)



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Everyone in this congregation contributes to the strength of this religious community. And your participation in Census 2000 will help make our community and nation stronger too. The census helps determine how much money is available for programs and services in our community. Your participation is needed to make sure our community is fairly represented, and your answers are strictly confidential. If you do not complete your census questionnaire, a census taker will visit you. Please give him or her your full cooperation.

Week of April 23, 2000

Have you filled out your census questionnaire yet? If not, a census taker will visit you to pick it up. Please be patient and cooperative. The census is important to our community and confidential.

Week of April 30, 2000

Census takers are visiting homes that did not respond to the questionnaire. Your answers are combined with others to produce the statistical summaries that are published. No one can connect your answers with your name or address. Please verify that the census taker has official identification, then cooperate and help make sure that our community has the best information for planning for its future.